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SCHEME FOR PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to assist associations of parents of mentally handicapped children;

(b) if so, the details and objectives of such Schemes; and

(c) the funds allocated for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is implementing a scheme for financial assistance to parents association to take up income generating activities for the benefit of mentally retarded persons. Such activities will be managed by the association voluntarily. To become eligible for a loan the parents association with, a minimum of ten families, should be registered for at least three years and should not be a defaulter in respect of loans availed from Central/State Governments or any financial institutions in the public sector, banks, etc.

Under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities, assistanceis provided to NGOs including parents organizations for running projects in the areas of education, training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including mentally retarded children.

(c) There is no separate allocation of funds for parents associations under the above schemes.